

Of all the proposals for changing the license structure, this one is the most reasonable. The thought given to the petition was clear and should appeal to the majority of all current holders of all classes of amateur licence. While retaining a Morse Code requirement, it does not require a fast speed. Something that most all can learn. The petitioners recognise that giving an automatic upgrade to the next highest class is not always the best thing to do, without first requiring additional learning and examination.

With the question and answer study guides and internet practice tests, ANYONE can pass any of the FCC exams in a short period of time. I offer as evidence the recent number of very young people that have passed the Amateur Extra exams with no background in higher math or a basic understanding in electronic theory. I hold the Amateur Extra License, was first licensed in June 1961 as a Novice with the one year upgrade requirement and have been continuously licensed to date. I am a Life Member of the ARRL and a Telecommunications Professional.